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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 12, 2006. The Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute group I comprising claims 1-16 drawn to a "storage library".

The Examiner indicated that the Applicant would have to make an election of species if the Applicant elected group I. To this end, the Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following species: (A) Figs. 4-7 and (B) Fig. 8. The Examiner noted that claim 1 is currently generic.

The Applicant elects without traverse the species of Figs. 4-7. The Applicant identifies claims 1-16 as being readable thereon. To this end, the Applicant notes that Figs.

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4-7 illustrate an embodiment in which a drive pulley system moves a platform 52 relative to a housing 50 whereas Fig. 8 illustrates an embodiment in which a scissor mechanism 92 and an actuator 94 move platform 52 relative to housing 50. None of claims 1-16 are limited to just one of the embodiments as all of claims 1-16 read on both embodiments. As such, the Applicant believes that claims 1-16 are readable on the species of Figs. 4-7.

The Applicant respectfully requests prompt and favorable consideration of this application. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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